

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A flag caddy comprising:
 - a housing;
 - means to open and close said housing;
 - a series of horizontal flag rods;
 - at least one joint mechanism attached to the inner vertical wall of said housing and also connected to first end of said flag rods and allow said flag rods to rotate on a substantially ~~horizontal~~ vertical axis, said joint mechanism further comprising a spring to return and maintain said flag rods in a designated position within said housing;
 - means for containing flags from sliding and located at second end of said flag rods; and
 - means for hanging said housing;
 - wherein said means to open and close said housing opens to expose flag rods and said joint mechanism, said flag rods rotate to allow flags to be placed onto said flag rods, said flag rods then rotate back to their original position where said means to open and close said housing is closed and the flags are protected.

2. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said housing is substantially rectangular where the height is largest length, followed by the width and then depth.

3. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said housing is substantially square with the height and width being the same length, followed by smaller depth.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said means to open and close said housing is two doors that each rotate at opposite sides of said housing and completely cover the inside of said housing when closed.

6. (canceled)

7. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said means to open and close said housing includes complimentary magnets attached to said means to open and close said housing and said housing.

8. (canceled)

9. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said flag rods are rectangular, decrease in height as the distance away from said joint mechanism increases and are formed with gaps to decrease weight.

10. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein first said joint mechanism is attached to the left inner vertical wall of said housing and second said joint mechanism is attached to the right inner vertical wall of said housing wherein said flag rods of first said joint mechanism extend in the gap between said flag rods of second said joint mechanism.

11. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said joint mechanism further comprising:

at least two housing connectors that are attached to the inner wall of said housing;

a support shaft that is held in place at both ends by said housing connectors;
and

at least two rod joints connected to said first end of said flag rod and surround said support shaft;

wherein said rod joints rotate horizontally around an axis created by said support shaft enabling said flag rods to rotate and allow a flag to be hung on said flag rods.

12. (previously presented) The flag caddy in claim 11, wherein said joint mechanism further comprising at least one spacer placed between said rod joints and maintain a gap between said flag rods.

13. (previously presented) The flag caddy in claim 11, wherein said rod joints are substantially taller than said flag rods to maintain a gap between said flag rods and to increase the leverage of said flag rods.

14. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said joint mechanism further comprising a spring to return and maintain said flag rods in a designated position within said housing.

15. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said means for hanging said housing is a hanger attached to the top side of said housing.

16. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said means for containing flags from sliding are tabs on the top of said second end of said flag rods.

17. (canceled)

18. (withdrawn) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said housing further comprising a flag pole storage sleeve on the back of said housing wherein a detached flag pole may be inserted and stored.

19. (original) The flag caddy in claim 1, wherein said housing further comprising a flag pole storage sleeve on the side of said housing wherein a detached flag pole

may be inserted and stored.

20. (canceled)

21. (new) A flag caddy comprising:

a housing;

two doors that each rotate at opposite sides of said housing and completely cover the inside of said housing when closed;

complimentary magnets attached to said doors and said housing;

a series of horizontal flag rods, said flag rods rectangular, decreasing in height as the distance away from first end of said flag rods increases, and formed with cutouts to decrease weight;

two first housing connectors attached to the left inner vertical wall of said housing;

two second housing connectors attached to the right inner vertical wall of said housing;

first support shaft held in place at both ends by said first housing connectors;

second support shaft held in place at both ends by said second housing connectors; and

at least two rod joints, each of said rod joints connected to said first end of each of said flag rods and surrounding one of said first support shaft and said second support shaft, wherein each of said rod joints can rotate about said one of said first support shaft and said second support shaft, wherein said flag rods can rotate about said one of said first support shaft and said second support shaft and allow a flag to be hung on each of said flag rods, wherein said rod joints are substantially taller than said flag rods to maintain a gap between said flag rods and to increase the leverage of said flag rods, wherein said flag rods that can rotate about said first support shaft extend in the gap between said flag rods that can rotate about said second support shaft;

a spring to return and maintain said flag rods in a designated position within said housing;

tabs on the top of second end of said flag rods for containing flags from sliding;

a hanger attached to the top side of said housing; and

a flag pole storage sleeve on the side of said housing wherein a detached flag pole may be inserted and stored;

wherein said doors open to expose said flag rods and said rod joints, said flag rods rotate to allow flags to be placed onto said flag rods, said flag rods then rotate back to their original position where said doors are closed and the flags are

protected.